

NAVAJO COUNTY

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NEWS

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The Great Shakeout

October 15, 2015 at 10:15 a.m. The Great Arizona Shakeout earthquake awareness drill was conducted by the US Geological Service. 2,400 registered participants throughout the County signed up to participate in the exercise which is a huge increase from just 306 participants from the previous year. At the same time Navajo County conducted a planned employee emergency notification drill testing the Ready Navajo County Employee notification system. Over 32% of employees responded to the alert.

What is THIRA?

On October 14, 2015 the annual **Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment** workshop was hosted by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security at the Maricopa County Sheriff's training facility. Emergency responders and emergency managers from around the state gathered to assist in developing the state's THIRA. The THIRA process helps communities map their risks to the core capabilities enabling the whole community to identify the desired outcomes, capability targets and resources required to achieve the capability targets. Ultimately the THIRA process helps communities answer the questions: What do we need to prepare for? What shareable resources are required in order to be prepared? What actions can be employed to avoid, divert, lessen or eliminate a threat or hazard?

Orienteering The Painted Desert National Park

The Petrified Forest National Park welcomed The Greater Phoenix Orienteering Club Saturday and Sunday, October 17 and 18 for a race in the wilderness area. Navajo County Emergency Management was requested to lend emergency radio support to the group for their two-day event. Ron Birks, President of the club requested support from Navajo County Emergency Management after their initial meeting with the National Park management staff. "The Petrified Forest has asked us to arrange for emergency communications on the course, just so we are prepared in case someone gets injured; radio communications will give our events an added level of safety" stated Mr. Birks. Thank you to Jeff Lineberry, Planning Section Chief and Deputy IT Director for supporting the event. (Pictured - Jeff Lineberry, Kathi Douglas, Ron Birks)



The American Red Cross Presents at October Board Meeting

10-27-15 Frank Bourget and Nic Nunn-Farron from the Northern Arizona Chapter of the American Red Cross shared information on their Northern Arizona Chapter of the Red Cross, In 2015 ARC responded to 17 disasters and assisted 76 people with food, shelter and clothing in Navajo County. Resources available immediately in Navajo County:

Shelter trailer with 50 cots, 100 blankets and 50 comfort kits, 14 partner facilities with 1,659 shelter spaces



Emergency Management Welcomes New Team Members

The Public Health Preparedness team has joined forces with Emergency Management to provide citizens a more coordinated response whether it be a public health or an all hazard emergency. “Many of our mission areas are very similar so it made sense to combine forces” stated Mary Springer. Ryan Cluff, Program Manager, Bob Schlesinger, Public Information and Training Officer and Jennifer Flake, Public Outreach Specialist join Mary Springer and Catrina Jenkins.

Heber-Overgaard Drive-Thru Point of Dispensing (POD)

10-23-15 Public Health Preparedness team conducted the second Flu POD offered to the community in partnership with the Heber-Overgaard Fire Department and Summit Heber Clinic. Vaccinations were given to community members who brought a can of food to be donated to the Lions Club for distribution to the needy. More than 350 community members received vaccinations, a substantial increase from the previous year. Vaccine was donated by Summit Healthcare and Navajo County Public Health Nursing Services.



Safety Village 2015

October is Fire Safety Awareness month and for the past few years the Timbermesa Fire and Medical team has called on their partners to conduct a safety village for local school children in the Show Low area. Emergency Management and Public Health Preparedness were on hand to discuss preparedness and what to pack in a go kit. Catrina Jenkins and Jennifer Flake facilitated these discussions with school kids ages 6 to 8.

November Coming Attractions

- ◆ Statewide Drill
- ◆ Show Low and Winslow Chamber Meetings
- ◆ Communications - Engaging the Ham Operator Community
- ◆ Behavioral Health - Post Active Shooter Tabletop
- ◆ Pinetop POD

On the Road with *Ready Navajo County* - Schedule of upcoming presentations

11/4/15	Winslow C of C	Winslow Chamber	7:00 AM
11/4/15	Show Low C of C	Solterra	8:00 AM
Dates Pending	Shonto, Kayenta, Black Mesa, BTK, Forest Lake, Pinon, Hardrock, Low Mountain, Etc.	Locations TBD	TBD

